GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Manufacturing of Solar Panels
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to the rising number of solar projects nationwide, the import of solar panels has increased massively which is affecting the domestic production, if so, the details thereof indicating the total solar equipments imported during the last three years and the current year, country-wise

(b) whether the domestic solar companies have requested the Government to impose an anti-dumping duty on the import of solar panels;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to encourage domestic production of solar panels under "Make in India" campaign/programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The details of solar cells/ modules imported during the last three years and current year, country wise as available on website of Ministry of Commerce is given at Annexure.

(b)&(c): Some manufacturers have filed a petition for imposition of anti-dumping duty which being a quasi-judicial function, is being dealt independently by the concerned authorities.

(d): In order to boost indigenous production, Government has launched several schemes which aims to use the domestic manufactured cells/modules. The schemes are as under:
a) setting up of over 300 MW of Grid connected & Off-grid Solar PV power projects by Defence establishments under Ministry of Defence and Para Military Forces under MHA with Viability Gap Funding.
b) setting up of 1000 MW of Grid connected Solar PV Power projects by Central Pubic Sector Under- takings and Government of India Organizations with Viability Gap funding.
Also there is provision for concessional customs duty and excise duty exemptions on input raw materials required for manufacturing of cells and modules.
Government provides capital subsidy for setting up of manufacturing units for solar cells and modules and the entire value chain under MSIPs programme.
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